

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

8 January 2014

Velma C. Pistoresi Trustee
c/o Larry Pistoresi
420 Ventura Avenue
Chowchilla, CA 93610

CLOSURE OF CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13260 DIRECTIVE

On 31 July 2013, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Directive pursuant to California Water Code section 13260 (13260 Directive) by certified mail that required Velma C. Pistoresi (hereafter "Discharger") to obtain regulatory coverage for the commercial irrigated lands she owns. No one responded to the 13260 Directive or a Notice of Violation (NOV) that was sent by the Water Board on 30 August 2013.

On 16 October 2013, the Water Board sent a letter to the Discharger warning of a forthcoming assessment of civil liability for failure to respond to the 13260 Directive. You responded by submitting a letter explaining that your spouse had received the Directive and NOV, but had taken no action because she found the letters confusing; she further received advice from neighbors that the Irrigated Lands Program did not apply because her irrigated lands do not discharge waste to surface waters.

Your letter also explains that after receipt of the board's 16 October letter, you submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Water Board and arranged regulatory coverage for the Discharger's irrigated lands through the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (hereafter "Coalition").

Board staff has received your NOI and confirmed your membership in the Coalition. We therefore find that you have complied with the 13260 Directive. Based on your compliance and your explanation for the Discharger's initial failure to comply, board staff will not recommend any further enforcement to the board.

If you have any questions, please contact Brett Stevens by phone at (916) 464-4642 or by email at bstevens@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Joe Karkoski, Chief
Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program